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20 September 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: 25X1A  
SUBJECT : Request for Intelligence Information

1. Brief estimates on the following are requested:

a. In the opinion of WE/ORE, will anti-communist labor unity----we have in mind primarily the amalgamation of the LCGIL and FIL----be achieved within the next six months, barring presently unforeseen developments?

b. If the LCGIL and the FIL were to become non-political labor unions----divorce themselves from the political parties with which they are now affiliated----would such a development strengthen or weaken the De Gasperi government? In other words, is such political support which the Christian Democrats now get, or may expect to get in the future from the LCGIL, a positive contribution to the stability of the De Gasperi government?

2. It would be appreciated if brief estimates on these matters could be available by noon on Monday, October 3.

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Chief, Intelligence Research

Reference: Case No. 364

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Chief, Staff Intelligence Group

30 September 1949

Chief, Western Europe Branch

IP-22 Political implications of developments in Italian labor movement.

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 30 September 1949.

1. Representatives of the LCGIL, FIL, and some independent labor unions have agreed to meet in November 1949 in order to discuss and effect a merger of their forces into a single non-Communist labor organization.

a. WE/ORE believes that, unless US influence is exerted, such a unification will be impossible within the next six months. Reasons for this conclusion are as follows:

(1) the movement for unification has been stimulated by only a small group of LCGIL and FIL labor leaders with the support of some US labor leaders;

(2) the rank and file of the non-Communist labor federations concerned, especially that of the FIL (Republican and moderate Socialist), are not convinced that a unification within the next six months would serve their particular interests. Both the LCGIL and FIL are still very young organizations; the FIL in particular has not yet exploited its full potentialities for membership;

(3) many FIL adherents fear that a merger under present conditions would result in a Christian Democratic and clerical domination of the new federation. The FIL is aware that membership of the pro-clerical LCGIL now outnumbered its own by three to one, it is aware also that a merger within the next six months would seriously restrict its own ability to attract Leftists from the Communist-swayed CGIL and from numerous independent unionists and unorganized workers who oppose both Communist and clerical domination.

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b. Suasion by US officials and labor representatives could be decisive in effecting a unification in November 1949 or soon thereafter. Such a unification, however, would be artificial and would jeopardize the formation of a more effective non-Communist labor front at a later date.

2. Effective separation of the FIL from the Republican and moderate Socialist political parties or of the LCGIL from the Christian Democratic Party is highly improbable.

a. Could the LCGIL and the FIL become non-political labor unions, however, such a development would strengthen the De Gasperi Government because the change:

(1) would in large measure remove from the present LCGIL its taint of clericalism and subservience to the Government; and

(2) would help to free the FIL from involvement in Socialist quarrels and from the widespread labor objection to association with a Socialist Party (PSLI) participating in a "clerical" Government.

b. Should the potential development indicated in paragraph 2.a. be realized, a more powerful non-Communist labor confederation would then be possible. Such a confederation would be much more effective than are the LCGIL and the FIL at present against the Communist-dominated CGIL, and would thus be in a position to weaken further the Communist control of organized labor. Such a development would remove a serious threat to the stability of the De Gasperi Government.

3. Attention is invited, in ORE/WE Branch Weekly, 27 September 1949, page 4 and in CIA Weekly Summary, 30 September 1949, page 4, to articles on the subject of unification of non-Communist organized labor in Italy.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
OFFICE OF REPORTS AND ESTIMATES

Project Initiation Memorandum

Date: 30 Sept 49

To: G/Tr

From: Staff Intelligence Group Projects Planning REL

Subject: Financial structure and organization of C.A.T.

Statement of Project

Origin: Special

Problem: To report the structure and financial organization of the C.A.T. (Chennault's airline)

Assumptions:

Scope: See attached ltr.

Classification to be no higher than: Secret

Form: IP memorandum

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